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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1 – 41.

Please add the following claims.

--42. A method for executing a program including a first routine and a second routine in a microprocessor, comprising:

executing a branch instruction within said first routine, wherein said branch instruction indicates that said second routine is to be executed via a target address of said branch instruction; and

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